

To: Appropriations Committee

RE: HR 5 and SR 9 "Resolutions Proposing Approval of a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Office of Early Childhood and CSEA SEIU Local 2001.

Date: March 12, 2014

Dear Senator Bye, Representative Walker and Members of the Appropriations Committee:

My name is *Ms Atma Singh* and I am a home-based child care provider from *Waterbury*. I currently care for *five (5) children* and have been a provider for the last *four (4) years*.

With this new agreement we providers can help stabilize the child care workforce, expand family access, and work to retain experienced, trained child care providers, raising the quality of early learning.

This new agreement will enable providers like myself to continue to provide quality child-care services in home settings in our various communities. In addition, it will open up new opportunities for providers to continue to enroll in on-going childcare training provided by professionals in the field and at community colleges in our state.

I look forward to working with the state to make the most efficient use out of Care 4 Kids subsidy dollars.

Please take a stand for Connecticut's kids by supporting S.B 9.

Sincerely,

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